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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

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IN THE FORM OF A PLURALITY OF MICROCAPSULES FOR PROLONGED

RELEASE OF ACTIVE PRINCIPLE(S) WITH

LOW SOLUBILITY

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2008 for which a response was due November 19, 2008. Applicants include with this response a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for three months to extend the deadline to file this response to February 19, 2009. Applicants also submit concurrently a request for continued examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

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